Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Vermillion, South Dakota, has a strong tradition in hosting barbeque events and rib feeds for over 60 years; and,

Whereas, The Norway Rib Eaters, a group of barbeque pioneers from the Vermillion area, originated a process of grilling using corncobs as a heat source, a process unique to our state, developed over 60 years ago, and has become a traditional style of barbeque in the state of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, This tradition has been passed on to family members in the area for four generations; and,

Whereas, The Ribs, Rods, and Rock 'n Roll Committee will host a South Dakota BBQ Championship on September 11-12, 2009; and,

Whereas, The cook or cooks involved in the competition, based on their performance, will be entered into the draw to compete on a national level at the Jack Daniels Invitation, American Royal Invitational, and the Great American Barbeque Contest; and,

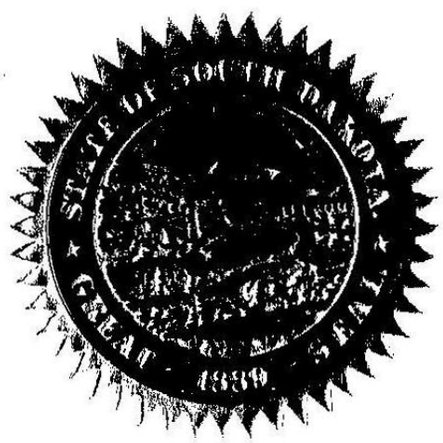
Whereas, The barbeque contest is a nonprofit, community event with any and all proceeds to benefit the promotion of future community events in Vermillion; and,

Whereas, The olfactory senses of any person or persons in the vicinity of a barbecue in process will be tantalized beyond reasonable limits, and choosing to partake thereof, will bring a taste experience like no other:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 11-12, 2009, as

RIBS, RODS, AND ROCK 'n ROLL BARBEQUE CHAMPIONSHIP DAYS

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventh Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State